

St. John the Baptist Church

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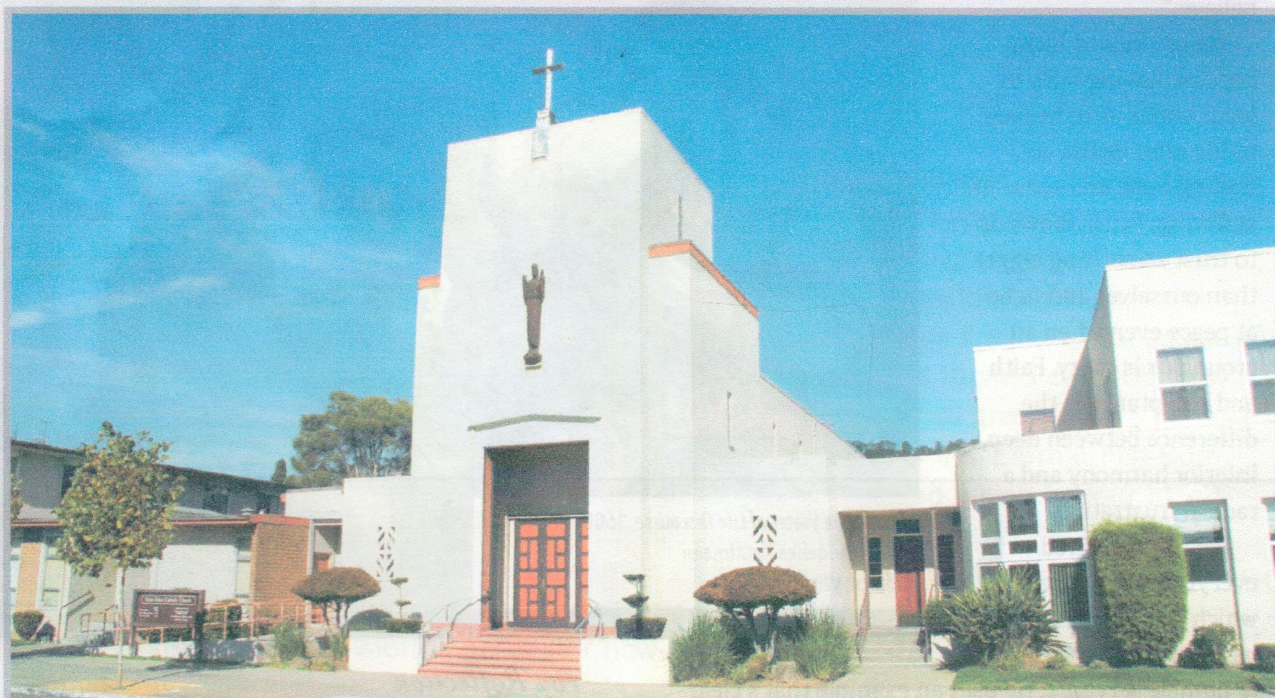
*Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us,
whether a long-time parishioner or newly arrived in the parish.
As Catholic Christians, we are committed to knowing,
loving and serving God by obeying His commandments
and serving our brothers and sisters with love and respect.*

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
6 p.m. (Brazilian)
Weekdays: 8 a.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Anointing of the Sick:
• 1st Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass
• or by individual arrangement
Baptism & Marriage: Contact office



Priests

Rev. Thuong Hoai Nguyen, Pastor
Rev. Robson Luis Weber, Associate Pastor

Deacons

Thom McGowan: (707)-653-4920
Loch Sekona: (510)-837-1052

Parish Office

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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St. John's Elementary School

Principal: Dina Trombetta
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St. John's Community Center

6500 Gladys Ave.

St. John's Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

11152 San Pablo Ave.

Practicing Family Values

“Do we have to go to Grandma’s!” Children aren’t the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that’s what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn’t come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today’s readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children’s respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents’ protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It’s not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It’s actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It’s a time for us to decide whether or not Paul’s list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

SIRACH 3:6



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Mass for the Intentions Week

		Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Dec. 28	5 p.m.	Giulia Faninni †	Gina Lencioni
Sunday, Dec. 29	8 a.m.	Olga Cademartori †	Gina Lencioni
	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
	11:30 a.m.	Ernesto Cruz † Elena Quijano Santos and Fructuoso de los Santos †	Nemesia Peralta Priscilla Flores
	6 p.m.	St. John Parishioners	St. John Parish
Monday, Dec. 30	8 a.m.	Lou Mueller †	Debi Mueller Mendoza
Tuesday, Dec. 31	8 a.m.	Dick, Helen, and Richard Nelson †	Karen Stevens
	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving of Victoria Tannady	Victoria Tannady
Wednesday, Jan. 1	8 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Victoria Tannady	Victoria Tannady
	10 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Ana Prindle and Children for Blessings of Good Health	Ana Prindle and Children
Thursday, Jan. 2	8 a.m.	Luis Torres †	
Friday, Jan. 3	8 a.m.	Renaldo and Diane Marin † Ambrose Loyola, Sr. †	Kathy Klatt Tipping Family
Saturday, Jan. 4	8 a.m.	EEC-Birthday Fr. Ray Ogbemure	Ancelle Nguyen Kathy and Helen

Stewardship

Plate Collection, Dec. 15
 Envelopes \$ 2,147.00
 EFT Weekly \$ 210.00
 Loose Collection \$1,557.61
 Immaculate Conception \$ 871.00, EFT \$67.50
 Christmas Flowers \$ 1,394.00, EFT \$107.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Senior Center, 6500 Gladys Ave

Dec 31: Closed.

Volunteers Needed

St John needs to build up its corps of Eucharistic Ministers - at Mass or taking Communion to a home - bound family member, friend or fellow parish-ioner. Neither ministry is time-consuming and will bring you closer to the Lord in amazing ways. Call Larry Mundy, 510-301-5027 for more information.

Prayers for Healing

Virginia Alday, Niani Barber Pearl & Patrick Batiste
 Irene Blair, Robert Britto Gustavo
 Caceres and Friends Evelyn Canepa,
 Al Carlson, Brenna Clark, Jennette
 Cleadenger Linda Crittondon, Cora
 Dongon, Mary Dong, Tami Duncan
 Juanita Estrellas, Eric Ewen, Frank
 Gardner, Filomena Giese Mike
 Giovannini, Joseph Golinveau, Victoria Gregorio
 Andy Gutierrez, James Gutierrez, Ruben Gutierrez
 Maydelle Halligan, Joanne, Marvin & Maurice
 Haynes, Sherry Highlander, Tamaya Hunt, Ann Jones
 Avelina Juat, Tom Kennedy, Marija Limon, Bernice
 Lockett, Marian & Michael Luoma, Mary Agnes
 Nancy McVey, Cecilia Mendiola, Francis Mondragon
 Judith Padilla, Theresa Parella, Angelina Patacsil Pam
 Paun, Victoria Payless, Marlen Pineda and Friends
 Wayne Price, Rose Anne, Fely Sabares
 Jovita Santos Linda Schneider, Dimitri Smith
 Salvador Tejero, Rose Texara, Pat Tilley, Isaac
 Tiongson Joseph Vidal, Sarah Vidal Evodio Walle
 Winston Williams, Jan Williamson



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

This Week's Service Schedule

Sunday Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14. Col 3:12-21. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23.

Monday Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40.

Tuesday Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21. Jn 1:1-18.

Wednesday Readings: Nm 6:22-27. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21.

Thursday Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28. Jn 1:19-28.

Friday Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6. Jn 1:29-34

Saturday Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10. Jn 1:35-42.

Holy Hour. Fri., 8:30am.

Anointing of the Sick. Sat., 8:30am

Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mon.-Fri., 8:30am, Sat., 9am. at Church. Daily, 3pm, 9pm, 10pm (Spanish) at Chapel. Wed., 7:30pm (Spanish) at Chapel.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Daily at the Chapel.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena. Weds, 9:30am at Church and 6pm at the Chapel.

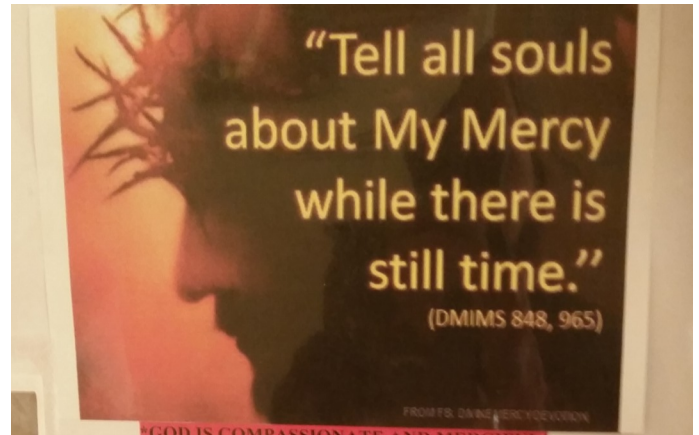
Liturgy of the Hours. Mon.-Sat., 7:40am.

Confessions. Sat., 4pm. Or call 9am-3pm, Mon.-Fri.

Holy Infant of Prague Novena. Thu. at 8:30am at Church.

Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fri., 6pm at the Chapel.

5 First Saturday Devotion. Mass at 8am, 5pm. Confessions at 4pm. Rosary at 9:30am, 4:15pm. Adoration All Day.



Rebuild My Church

The annual Bishop's Appeal ends Dec. 31. Please make a pledge or donate c/o Bishop's Appeal/Memo: St John, El Cerrito.

Safe Environment/Diocese

Every volunteer and worker is required to register at virtusonline.org and complete the training on Protecting God's Children or Keeping the Promise Alive.

Calls for Help & Hope

The Contra Costa Crisis Center has provided a lifeline of help and hope for 56 years.
Call 1-800-833-2900

Adoration Chapel

New Year's Vigil and Resolution. Dec. 31, Tue., 9pm-11pm. Theme: "Living our Baptismal Vows" and "Rejecting Satan and his Works".
Reception follows.

Baptism for Children

Parents and godparents need to attend classes. Please contact Deacon Loch, 510-837-1052.

First Saturday Devotion

Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Lucia of Fatima on December 10, 1925. It was there Our Lady requested the Five First Saturdays Devotion and gave a great promise.

Appearing with the Queen of Heaven in that apparition was the Infant Jesus, Who said to Lucia: “Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation.”

Our Lady then spoke: “See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”



At St. John the Baptist we do this devotion on every First Saturday. We start the Rosary at 4:15pm. There is a priest in the confessional starting at 4 pm. And Mass is at 5 pm. It is very easy to fulfill the whole devotion that our Lady asks in a short amount of time and in one place. Please join us at 4:15 on every first Saturday. Jan. 4 is the next first Saturday.

January 2020

Church (CH) Fr John Maxwell Conf Rm (CR) Comm Cen (CC) Comm Cen 2nd Fl (CC2) Music Rm (MR) Rectory (RE) Adoration Chapel (DM)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Epiphany of the Lord 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE CC	6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 4:30p Choir MR/CH 7p Movimiento CR 7:30p Brazilian Comm CR	7 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 7:30-9p RCIA CC-2	1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>A Holy Day of Obligation</i> 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a, 10a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet	2 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 7p Pastoral Meeting CR 7:45p Choir Prac CH	3 First Friday 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Holy Hour. Rosary. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 7:30p Brazilian Comm CR	4 First Saturday 8a Mass 8:30a Anointing of the Sick 9a Pastoral Meeting CR 10a SVdP Food Distribution, Kearney St 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
12 Baptism of the Lord 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE CC	13 St. Hillary 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	14 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8a-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA CC2	8 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant 6:30p Youth Confirmation CC 7:30p Bible Study CR	9 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:45p Choir CR	10 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Brazilian Comm CR	11 8a Mass 9a Liturgy Meeting CR 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE CC 2-5:15p Movimiento CC	20 St. Fabian St Sebastian 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:30p Choir MR CH 7:30p Brazilian Comm CH Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 8a-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA CC2	15 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. 8:30a Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 12n-2p Women's Covenant 6:30p Choir MR	16 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet. 7:45p Choir CH	17 St. Anthony, Abbott 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Brazilian Comm CR	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8a Mass 9a Finance Meeting CR 10a SVdP Food Distribution, Kearney St 2:30p Wedding CH 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass
26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8a, 9:30a, 11:30a, 6p (Brazilian) Mass 9:30a CRE CC National Catholic School Week	27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:30p Choir MR CH 7:30p Brazilian Comm CH	28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass. Rosary. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8-2p Seniors Program CC 7:30p RCIA CC2. Brazilian Comm CH	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 12n-2p Women's Covenant 6:30p Youth Confirmation CC Choir MR. 7:30p Bible Study CR	23 St. Marianne Cope St. Vincent 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:45p Choir CH	24 St. Francis de Sales 7:40a Liturgy of the Hours 8a Mass 8:30a Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:30p Brazilian Comm CR	25 Conversion of St. Paul 8a Mass 4p Confessions 5p Vigil Mass